(d) if so, the circumstances for such relaxation and the details in any of cases in which such departures/relaxations have been noted; and

(e) if not, the steps Government have taken from time to time to inform/advise, Secretaries/Heads to desist from such decisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Under CCS (LTC) Rules, 1988, Government servants with a minimum pay of Rs. 18400/- and above are entitled to travel by air by the National carrier only.

(c) CCS (LTC) Rules, 1988 are not applicable to autonomous bodies/ PSUs. Secretaries/Heads in Govt. of India have not been delegated the powers to relax the rules to enable travel by the private airlines while availing LTC.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Indians working in foreign countries

*273. SHRI **T.T.V.** DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintain any register of Indian citizens working in foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Commissions abroad are given the list of such people employed in the respective country; and

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place for monitoring their working conditions abroad?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Missions/Posts abroad depute Labour Attaches/ Consular officers to visit labour camps, detention centres, etc. to monitor their living conditions and take appropriate action to improve the living conditions.